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Messrs. C. Allen Dulles & J. Edgar Hoover:

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Gentlemen:

I am addressing a copy of this to each of you, in the hope that it will reach one of you - and, that, if it does, it won't be cast aside as the figment of imagination of a crank.

Incidents of the past few months have caused me to revive a project that I worked on for a long time. The incidents were those of the two recent "defectors", the "top secret" document that was supposedly lost in the Elctra crash in Boston and the present concern (according to the newspapers) of the possibility of additional defecting cryptographers.

For a long time I have been interested in formulae, equations and the like and, believe it or not, I have developed and perfected a method of encoding messages, specifications, etc., that is impossible to break, without the "key". It may seem fantastic to claim the following but such are true.

1. To repeat, it is impossible to break without the key.
2. If, by chance, the key falls into wrong hands, a simple change in formulae makes it impossible to break future messages or previous ones, if they had key changes.
3. The formulae may be changed daily, hourly, even for each message, if desired, without adding to sending or receiving labor.
4. The moment the method is revealed to you, the key may be changed so that even I cannot decode.
5. You can put all your experts, use all your mechanical, electrical and electronic means, I

digital computers, et cetera on the job of breaking and you can't do it. (It follows that the "Enemy" can not, also).

Let me state my proposition:

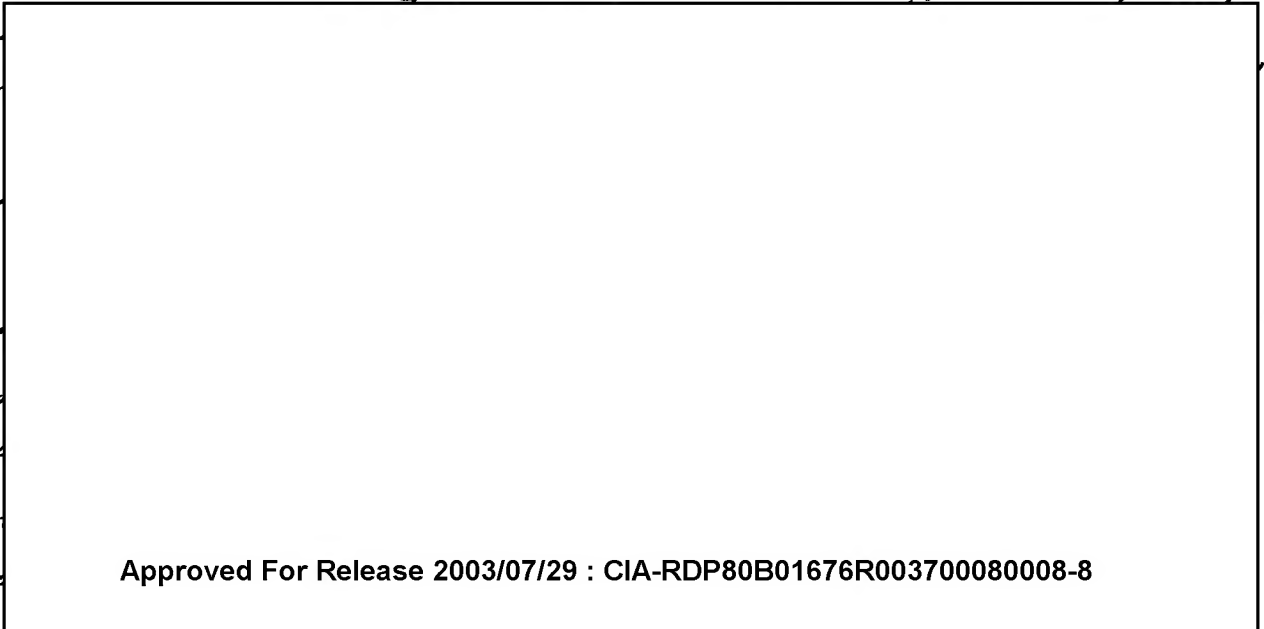
A. If any of my above claims are proven wrong, I'll give you the formulae, if you are interested.

B. If I am right and you want the formulae, I ask payment in the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), free of taxes. If either of your agencies cannot assure me of the tax free angle, I ask for annual payments of that sum, until I have netted \$250,000, clear of taxes.

If you are interested, you may want one of your associates in the Birmingham area, to contact me and, I assume, to do some checking on me. Let me give you some pertinent personal data:



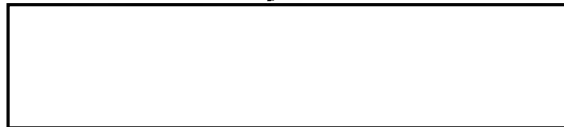
I am a Management Consultant in the employ



I hope that this does awaken interest and that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience.

You may wish to learn something of the system during preliminary investigation and negotiation, (if any). Let me be perfectly frank in saying that there will be no revelation or demonstration to any extent, until written agreement is reached, embodying my claims above - and your agreement of performance. This is not due to mistrust - just good business.

Yours very truly



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P.S. You may be wondering why I have chosen the figure of \$250,000, as payment. Two reasons:

1. It is a modest, if not pittance, amount for the incalculable value you will receive.
2. Invested in tax free bonds, it is the exact amount I need to assure Mrs. [redacted] and myself of a comfortable existence for the rest of our lives, if other sources of income fail by chance.



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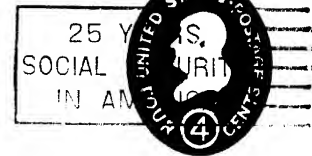
P.S.S. It is possible that you already have a system that will produce the results of mine - if so, I've merely wasted a little of your time and mine. I doubt that you have one, else there would be no cause for current concern.



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